

thereof touching persons to labor or involuntary service therein, nor to interfere with or abolish involuntary service in the District of Columbia without the consent of Maryland and without the consent of the owners, or making the owners who do not consent, just compensation; nor the power to interfere with or prohibit representatives and others from bringing with them to the District of Columbia, retaining and taking away, persons so held to labor or service; nor the power to interfere with or abolish involuntary service in places under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States within those States and Territories where the same is established or recognized; nor the power to prohibit the removal or transportation of persons held to labor or involuntary service in any State or Territory of the United States to any other State or Territory thereof where it is established or recognized by law or usage; and the right during transportation, by sea or river, of touching at shores, ports, or landings, and of landing in case of distress, shall exist; but not the right of transit in or through any State or Territory, or of sale or traffic, against the laws thereof. Nor shall Congress have power to authorize any higher rate of taxation on persons held to labor or service than on land. The bringing into the District of Columbia of persons held to labor or service for sale, or placing them in depots to be afterwards transferred to other places for sale as merchandise, is prohibited. (Adopted by a vote of 12 to 7.)

Yeas—Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, North-Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Virginia—12.

Nays—Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont—7. Divided—New York and Kansas—2.

Sec. 4. The third paragraph of the second section of the fourth article of the constitution shall not be construed to prevent any of the States, by appropriate legislation, and through the action of their judicial and ministerial officers, from enforcing the delivery of fugitives from labor to the person to whom such labor or service is due. (Adopted by a vote of 15 to 4.)

Yeas—Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, North-Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont and Virginia—15.

Nays—Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire—4. Divided—New York and Kansas—2.

Sec. 5. The foreign slave trade is hereby forever prohibited; and it shall be the duty of Congress to pass laws to prevent the importation of slaves, coolies, or persons held to service or labor, into the United States and the territories from places beyond the limits thereof. (Adopted by a vote of 15 to 5.)

Yeas—Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont and Kansas—15.